

Request for Applications – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - Local

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting local applications for projects that support juvenile justice and delinquency prevention during the state fiscal year 2016 grant cycle.

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to support programs that prevent violence in school areas and improve the juvenile justice system through developing effective education, training, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency.

Available Funding: This solicitation is funded from authorized state and federal sources and will be administered in accordance with regulations required by these sources.

- 1) State funds are authorized under Section 102.056 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 772.006 of the Texas Government Code, which designates CJD as the administering agency. The source of funding is a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature from funds collected through court costs and fees.
- 2) Federal funding is authorized for these projects under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, Public Law 107-273. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Funding Levels:

Minimum: None

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards: Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source cited in the *Texas Administrative Code* (1 TAC Chapter 3), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Prohibitions: Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- 4) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 5) weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- 6) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 7) promotional gifts;
- 8) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments;
- 9) membership dues for individuals;
- 10) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by other federal, state or local funds (i.e., supplanting);
- 11) fundraising;
- 12) construction;
- 13) medical services;
- 14) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
- 15) legal services for adult offenders;
- 16) overtime pay; and
- 17) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

Eligible Applicants:

- 1) State agencies;
- 2) Units of local government;
- 3) Independent school districts;
- 4) Indian tribes performing law enforcement functions;
- 5) Universities; and
- 6) Colleges.

Eligible Activities:

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- 1) Diversion - Programs to divert at-risk juveniles from entering the juvenile justice system. For this funding opportunity, CJD has defined at-risk as having had documented discipline problems in the school system or contact with law enforcement or juvenile probation.
- 2) Job Training - Projects to enhance the employability of juveniles or prepare them for future employment. Such programs may include job readiness training, apprenticeships, and job referrals.
- 3) Professional Therapy and Counseling/Mental Health – Services, which include, but are not limited to, the development and/or enhancement of diagnostic, treatment, and prevention instruments; psychological and psychiatric evaluations; counseling services; and/or family support services.
- 4) School Based Delinquency Prevention - Education programs and/or related services to prevent truancy, suspension, and expulsion. School safety programs may include support for school resource officers and law-related education.
- 5) Substance Abuse - Programs, research, or other initiatives to address the use and abuse of illegal and other prescription and nonprescription drugs and the use and abuse of alcohol. Programs include control, prevention, and treatment.

Note: Juvenile drug court programs will not be considered for funding under this solicitation and should instead apply under the Solicitation for Juvenile Drug Courts.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have an overall 90% average on reporting adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2009 through 2013. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2015;
- 2) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the three previous years;
- 3) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency, to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>; and
- 4) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at www.sam.gov and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.

Project Period: Grant-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2015, and expire on or before August 31, 2016.

Application Process: Applicants must access CJD's grant management website at <https://eGrants.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

Preferences: Preferences will be given to those applicants that:

- 1) demonstrate cost effective programs focused on proven or promising approaches to services provision; and
- 2) target serious and violent juvenile offender populations.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be certified via CJD's eGrants website on or before February 27, 2015.

Selection Process:

For eligible local and regional projects:

- 1) Applications will be forwarded by CJD to the appropriate regional council of governments (COG);
- 2) The COG's criminal justice advisory committee will prioritize all eligible applications based on state priorities, identified community priorities, cost and program effectiveness;
- 3) CJD will accept priority listings that are approved by the COG's executive committee;
- 4) CJD will make all final funding decisions based on approved eligibility, COG recommendations, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

Contact Person: If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants help desk at eGrants@governor.state.tx.us or (512) 463-1919.